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of California

Perhaps you remember "Grapes of Wrath." Perhaps you remember "Factories in the Field"—and all the other diatribes, uttered and written, against California farmers because California agriculture couldn't absorb and provide jobs for all the migrants from the Dust Bowl and points Middle-West.

During the hectic period when that lurid literature was achieving its greatest circulation, California's rural areas took a beating on almost every newsstand in America. The communists broke into print with rabid denunciations of the "land barons," who refused to part with a few acres for the destitute Joads and their families. The LaFollette committee conducted an "investigation"—and denounced the Associated Farmers of California, the American Legion, township officers and all and sundry for failing in hospitality to the nomads from Oklahoma, Kansas, Texas and every other dust-ridden point of the compass.

Nearly 800,000 itinerant farmers and farm hands poured into California in a few years, all seeking sustenance, and California agriculture was roundly denounced because it couldn't absorb them. Novels were written on the subject; moving pictures were produced; congressional committees were convened—and California farmers were depicted to the nation as heartless industrialists, who lived on the fat of the land, but were blind to the suffering of their fellowmen.

That was a year, or two years ago, and there is irony in the fact, perhaps, that the shoe is now on the other foot.

The great metropolitan areas of the United States—Detroit and Los Angeles, Chicago and New York, Pittsburgh and Cleveland—now have their migrant problem, due to the fact that the national defense program has concentrated attention on the big industrial cities of America.

If an aircraft factory needs 2,000 men, 50,000 suddenly appear and camp nearby. If an automotive factory, turned into a parts factory for war production, needs 5,000 men, three times that number suddenly encamp around it. And as a consequence, the migrant problem—while still a serious problem in many rural areas—is also becoming a serious problem in urban America.

In Washington Mrs. Roosevelt tells an investigating committee it is a shame that labor unions have such high initiation fees that migration workers can't possibly qualify for jobs in defense industries. In other cities, mayors and supervisors announce that the labor market already is glutted—and that itinerant workers should look elsewhere.

And on the outskirts of great cities, there are itinerant camps and Hoovervilles, just as there are—and have been—in rural California all through the depression.

No one has sympathized more with the victims of the Dust Bowl, or the unemployed—desperately in search of employment—than California farmers. And no one has pleaded more in Washington for a square deal for the migrants than California farmers. But until the last few weeks, Washington turned a deaf ear, Washington contented itself with condemning California—because California, as Washington viewed it, had failed to take care of the migrants.

Now, the problem is nation-wide. Now the great cities of the country are demanding aid in coping with the migrant problem. And now, perhaps, Congress will provide relief—will recognize that no section, and no class of people, can possibly solve a national problem. There is reason for this change in attitude. The reason is that America's great cities, as well as its agricultural areas, are demanding federal action.

California agriculture still has its migrant problem—and will still have it for many years to come. There are still tens of thousands of unemployed in rural California, all in desperate need of work and food and clothing. But at least, California agriculture will have some friends in court when it cries out for federal aid in solving the migrant problem. And perhaps it won't be pilloried for insisting that it is a national problem!

Martha Mae Hansen, of Davis, and Margie Pierce, of San Francisco, were at Fruit Ridge to spend New Year's Day with their "Uncle Jim" Irving.

## "EL DORADO COUNTY'S OWN" UNIT IN STATE MILITIA TO BE SPECIALTY COMPANY

Miners, Tractor And Bulldozer Operators, Road And Forestry Men Are Type Preferred; Graduate Engineers Will Command Company

Following announcement at Sacramento Friday that a company of the California National Guard will be organized in El Dorado County, Lieutenant Colonel Van Court Warren and Lieut. J. G. Mackay were in Placerville Saturday conferring with local leaders on the organization plans.

It was announced that a meeting of the local civic committee which has been supporting the proposal for a militia company in Placerville, will be held Tuesday morning and that Lieut. Mackay will return here either Tuesday or Wednesday.

At that time, it is reported, a call may be issued for a public meeting to be held Friday night of this week, at which first steps toward enlistment of the new company will be taken.

The new unit will be known as Company D, Second Regiment, 115th Combat Engineers. Other similar units will be formed at Grass Valley and at Redding and each will have a personnel of sixty-five men.

The visiting militia officers explained that this is a specialty regiment and that the type of men needed are those who are familiar with tractor and bulldozer operation, miners, road and forestry men.

There will be three commissioned officers all of whom, it was indicated, must be graduate engineers.

In addition, members of the local committee revealed that the enlisted personnel of the company will include one first sergeant, two staff sergeants and seven line sergeants. The line sergeants will be "foremen" in construction, mechanics, mess, supply, and trucks.

The amount of the motor vehicle license or "in lieu" fee depends upon the assessed value of the vehicle and changes from year to year. It is based upon an assessment of \$1.75 per \$100 assessed valuation. This fee takes the place of the personal property tax formerly levied on vehicles by cities and counties.

The total amount due, including the registration fee and motor vehicle license fee, is shown on the lower left hand corner of the registration card (white slip) which each applicant for new plates is required to present.

Residents of El Dorado County may obtain plates by presenting the registration cards and fees at the highway patrol office on Broadway.

In a statewide message to vehicle owners Director James M. Carter urged that applications be filed immediately to avoid the penalties which the law requires must be collected from late comers.

This move, long rumored, appeared to constitute the immediate Nazi answer to the fresh victory achieved by British troops in North Africa.

No low or special numbers are being issued by any of the Department's branch offices in compliance with the first come, first served policy established last year and continued this season by Director Carter.

Registration cards when presented should be properly signed by the applicant on the reverse side and must show his bona fide county and city residence address.

### RANGER RALEIGH BRYAN IS REPORTED AS SERIOUSLY ILL

Friends of Ranger and Mrs. Raleigh Bryan will regret to learn that Mr. Bryan's illness has taken a serious turn and that members of the family have been called to his bedside at Dante Sanitarium, in Berkeley.

Mr. Bryan has been in Berkeley since Early Fall taking treatments intended to restore his health and his condition has been hopeful until quite recently.

His mother and his sister have been at his bedside for several days and it was reported Monday morning that his brother, Bert, of Smith Flat, had been called to Berkeley during the weekend owing to the increasing seriousness of Mr. Bryan's condition.

Funeral services were held Saturday at Quincy, Plumas County, for Edward C. Kelsey, 75, who retired in 1934 after four consecutive terms as treasurer for Plumas County.

Mr. Kelsey was a native of Coloma and the veteran secretary of Quincy Parlor No. 131, N. S. G. W., under whose auspices the last rites were conducted. Cremation followed at Sacramento.

The deceased left Coloma in early life and as a young man was a mail carrier in Plumas county, driving stage during the summer and traveling by skis during the winter on the route between Beckwourth and Indian Valley.

His wife, one daughter, two sons and two sisters survive him.

### City Council Meeting On Monday Night

The regular January meeting of the city council is called for this (Monday) evening at city hall. Mayor Charles Molinari said he knows of no special matters to come before the board except that it is understood that the Placerville 20-30 Club is going to present some traffic safety signs to the city.

Marvin Henry, 34, of Coloma, was lodged in jail during the weekend on charges of disturbing the peace.

Lee Thomas, assistant ranger on the Trinity Forest and formerly on Eldorado Forest, was here Saturday visiting some of his many friends.

### Jane Barton Resigns As Director Of Homecraft Institute

With the beginning of the New Year, Jane Barton, who for several years has been Homecraft Editor of Pacific Rural Press and director of the Homecraft Institute, presented each year in Placerville for El Dorado County homemakers, has resigned.

She is being succeeded by Miss Pauline Edwards, who will direct the Homecraft Institute, and who will come to Placerville later in the year. The Homecraft Institute this year will again be presented under the joint sponsorship of Pacific Rural Press and this newspaper.

Jane Barton is a San Francisco housewife and in her let-

ter to the paper announcing her resignation, she indicates that her future plans are to devote her full time to putting into practice for her husband and their son, the homemaking principles she has been demonstrating in the Homecraft Institutes these several years.

Jane Barton sends greetings "to all who have made my visits to Placerville so enjoyable" with "sincerest wishes for a successful and happy New Year."

The date for the Homecraft Institute of 1941, directed by Miss Pauline Edwards, presented under the joint sponsorship of Pacific Rural Press and this newspaper, will be announced in the coming months.

### DEFENSE PROGRAM KEYNOTES PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

"Billions Of Dollars Worth Of Weapons" For Britain, Greece And China Proposed; Details Of Program To Be Told Later

By T. F. REYNOLDS

United Press Correspondent

WASHINGTON, (UPI)—President Roosevelt today asked Congress for appropriations and authorizations to provide "billions of dollars worth of weapons" for nations fighting against the march of aggressors in all parts of the world.

Such assistance from an America turned into a tremendous arsenal is essential, said the President, because the future of the United States and all the Americas is menaced seriously by the tyranny of aggressor nations across the sea.

Without naming any specific figure, Mr. Roosevelt said that billions are needed and are asked for to provide the weapons by which democracies can defend themselves.

Explaining that these weapons would be loaned to the embattled democracies—such as Britain, Greece and China—he did not, however, make specific recommendations at this time for the machinery to carry out these transactions. That

will come later.

The President delivered his message in person to a joint session of congress for the first third term in American history. Radio carried his words throughout the country and beamed them abroad in six languages.

He gave congress assurance that "for what we send abroad, we shall be repaid, within a reasonable time following the close of hostilities, in similar materials, or, at our option, in other goods of many kinds which they can produce and which we need."

### Private Advices Say That NAZIS Will Move Into Bulgaria

Step May Prove Feint To Distract British Attention From Major Action Elsewhere, Possibly Attempt On England Or Gibraltar

By THE UNITED PRESS

Private advices received by the United Press said today that Bulgaria had yielded to a German ultimatum and that Nazi troops will shortly move into that strategic Balkan country.

This move, long rumored, appeared to constitute the immediate Nazi answer to the fresh victory achieved by British troops in North Africa.

The report of the ultimatum was officially and flatly denied in Sofia by high government officials. In Budapest a Hungarian censor severed the telephone connection when a United Press correspondent reported the cryptic news that Giurgiu, big Rumanian Danube port opposite Ruschuk, Bulgaria, had been "evacuated" this morning.

Previously German troop concentrations had been reported at Giurgiu and the Germans were said to be constructing a big ferry or pontoon bridge there.

The British forces, capturing Bardia and its estimated 25,000 defenders, swept on in a lightning type drive toward Tobruk, Italian base 60 miles to the west. The British high command said that British advance forces already were approaching Tobruk.

According to the information reaching the United Press, the German ultimatum was delivered to Bulgaria Saturday and was accepted by Bulgaria, opening the way to an imminent move by the hundreds of thousands of German troops now poised across the frontier in Rumania.

If the Bulgaria report proves correct, this still does not preclude the possibility that the Balkan move is a feint to distract British attention from more important strokes being prepared elsewhere—possibly the long awaited attempt to invade Britain itself or a quick drive across Spain to attack Gibraltar.

Russia's position in the Balkan crisis was uncertain. Soviet diplomats have been called back to Moscow for consultation but there was no indication that Russia would intervene. One Belgrade report said Russia had been promised a free hand by Germany in Finland in return for a promise of non-interference in the Balkans. That promise might have been accompanied by assurances that Russian rights, particularly with regard to the Dardanelles, would be safeguarded

City officers reported Wachenfeld appealed to them for help saying he had been robbed by a group of youths, and that for further investigation of the case he was taken to city hall where he became abusive and was himself put under arrest.

At his request, Judge Creed was called, and when the defendant continued his abusive conduct, Judge Creed cautioned him that court was in session and that continued irregular conduct would not be tolerated.

Wachenfeld, it was said, replied profanely and abusively and the contempt order was immediately issued.

Officials continued their investigation of Wachenfeld's complaint that he had been robbed and reported that they failed to find any evidence to support the charge but did find evidence to indicate that Wachenfeld had been supplying liquor to the youths, said to be minors.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Baumhoff and son, Oscar, left Friday returning to their home at Centerville, Idaho, following a visit here during the holiday season with relatives and other friends.

### RAINFALL

September	.03
October	1.45
November	1.68
December	11.84
January 4	.37
January 5	.31
January 6 to 8 a.m.	.13
Total	15.81

The normal to Jan. 1 is 13.90 inches. The normal to February 1 is 21.41 inches.

## PLACERVILLE SECOND IN CARNIVAL

Stockton Queen Entry Wins; Lake Tahoe Club Captures First For Attendance

Placerville Ski Club was a close second for principal honors at the ninth annual Sacramento Winter Sports Carnival, held Saturday night at the Sacramento Memorial Auditorium.

Miss Barbara McKee, the club's entry in the carnival queen contest, took second honors against the field and the Placerville Ski Club received second award in the attendance contest.

The Stockton entry was selected as the carnival queen and the first place in the "man-miles" attendance contest was won by the Lake Tahoe Club.

By and large, observers reported, the carnival was the most successful ever and the Placerville Ski Club's participation was the most successful in history, with more than one hundred winter sports fans and supporters in attendance from El Dorado County.

"The training course," said Regional Forester S. B. Show at San Francisco, "provides elementary and advanced instruction for national forest officers whose winter duties call for almost continuous use of skis. Forest rangers who are stationed in the high country during winter will find their training good insurance as well as in the best public interest."

Forest rangers are called upon frequently to search for people lost in the snow and to administer first aid to victims of snow sport accidents or remove sick members of snowbound families. The best possible skiing ability is needed in these cases where the going is usually hazardous."

Every-day administration of the public forest areas also calls for experienced skiing. Jobs that take the rangers on long ski treks include reconnaissance and patrol of popular winter sports areas, snow surveys in cooperation with the State Division of Water Resources, wildlife surveys, telephone line repairs and current inspection of isolated administration buildings.

James Schugham, coach of the University of Nevada ski team, is instructing the "skiing rangers".

Some of the sessions will be devoted to studies of snow surveying methods and first aid.

The training course, now in its third year, is under the direction of Supervisor D. M. Traugh of the Mono National Forest.

A twenty-six inch snow depth was reported at Twin Bridges.

There were fourteen inches at Strawberry and two inches at Kyburz.

In Placerville, rain during the night gave a total seasonal measurement of 15.81 inches up to eight o'clock Monday morning and, for the benefit of "the record," showers were intermitted during the morning and the day promised to continue on the same order.

### SACRAMENTAN CONFESSES SPOTTING DEER IN FOOTHILLS

Confessing to killing between fifteen and twenty deer during the past six months, "fourteen or fifteen" in El Dorado County, Tom E. Eversult, Jr., 34, of Sacramento, pleaded guilty last week to a charge of hunting deer by spotlight.

He had been arrested in Nevada County by Game Warden Earl Hiscox and pleaded guilty before Justice of the Peace George Gildersleeve, at Nevada City. A sentence of six months in jail was amended to provide for one month in jail plus a fine of \$250.

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## "MURDER WILL NOT OUT" by WHITMAN CHAMBERS

## CHAPTER I

THE GIRL with the exotic black eyes and the raven hair made her way across Fuente Fria's half-acre dining room, packed now with an overflow crowd. Heads turned, necks craned. Of the thousand people at dinner under the great vaulted ceiling at least 900 were watching her, exclaiming on her beauty, her charm, her lovely figure, her amazing poise.

The girl saw no one, seemed utterly oblivious to the staring eyes, the hum of talk. Reaching the doorway, she paused beside Carlos, the maître d'hôtel. Carlos, a gay wag, said:

"How's it, kid?"

Her fine dark eyes looked through him bleakly. "Have you seen Johnnie De Voe?"

"No, not all evening. What you want with Johnnie?"

Ignoring the question, the girl went on. She looked worried now, even a little frightened. Holding the train of her low-cut, tightly-fitting evening gown of flame and silver, she walked down the long corridor, past the darkened patio and into the bright glare of the Casino. A Mexican in a blue uniform nodded and smiled at her.

"Buenas noches, señorita."

"Have you seen Johnnie De Voe?"

"No, señorita. Not tonight."

She went on. The big room was crowded with sleek people in evening dress who were bucking the wheels, the bird cages, the crap games, the blackjack dealers.

The girl sidled the tables, mounted the four steps to the low balcony which ran along the side of the big gaming room, walked up to the bar. She stood there a moment, tapping white knuckles nervously on the polished mahogany. A tall, white-haired bartender, one of 15, came up and asked pleasantly:

"What would you like, Chiquita?"

"I'm trying to find Johnnie De Voe."

He shot her a quick penetrating look, while he absently polished the bar with a clean white cloth.

"Sorry. Haven't seen him tonight. He must have gone to San Diego. Maybe L. A. hasn't been in all evening for his glass of milk."

"Thanks, Jim."

She turned, stood for a moment indecisively, looking over the ranked heads of the gamblers. Then, still carrying her short train, she moved to a side door and went out.

A flag-stone walk led around the Casino. She followed it through a maze of thick tropical shrubbery, past a small fish pond, out of the darkness, finally into a moonlit roadway lined with trim sunshades, each almost buried in towering foliage.

She paused before on numbered 2-6. The windows were dark. She rang the bell perfunctorily, waited only a minute, and then recrossed the road and plunged again into the deep darkness of the path to the Casino.

She was walking slowly now, her eyes thoughtful and only half watching the flagstones which showed dimly white in the gloom.

"Look!" Chiquita!

Only then did she see the dark figure which blocked her path at the fish pond. She stopped short, her breathing suddenly tumultuous.

"What do you want?"

There was no answer. Only the dash of a fist driving toward her face. A scream rose in her throat. The sound was cut off by the thudding, sickening impact of that hard fist against the clean white line of her jaw.

She dropped in a motionless heap, her flame gown blood-red in the gloom. The man bent over swiftly, caught hold of the girl's

bare shoulders and slid her into the fish pond.

He held her there, face downward in the shallow water. Once she struggled and one silver slipper beat a feeble tattoo on the concrete rim of the pond. The man then threw more weight on her shoulders.

The silver slipper made a last weak thump against the concrete. The girl's taut muscles relaxed. There was no more movement of the lovely body.

The man stood up. He took out a handkerchief and wiped his hands. Then with a last reassuring look at the dim, sodden figure in the pond, he turned and walked swiftly toward the Casino. The

silver slipper dangled from his pocket.

Johnnie stretched his legs and yawned pleasantly. "Great! Absolutely great. Talk about killing two birds with one stone. I knocked over about 16. Caraway and Burt and McNaught signed for the Fuente Open. With those three top-flight golfers we're a breeze to put over a big tournament. Bumped into Major Laughton. He agreed to enter Royal Fire and Graybar in the Handicap. Got hold of the

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*Around  
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WITH ANN COMFORT

Hamburger, the good old summer standby, doesn't go so well with my family in winter. They demand stew with variations. Paging the neighborhood the other day, I compared "stew" notes with the neighbors and came home with five different recipes.

The Murphys, as their name indicates, specialize in

**Irish Stew**

and they make it as carefully as though they were roasting a pheasant. Two tablespoons of butter are melted in a frying pan, into this two large onions are sliced and fried to a golden brown. These are removed to a deep kettle and a pound and a half of lamb cut in small pieces for serving which has been well flour-dredged is dropped in the pan to brown. When it is well seared it is placed in the kettle with the onions, then two large carrots cut in pieces are browned in the fat, two large white turnips and two parsnips are treated the same way. The vegetables are added to the meat with three pints of hot water. The kettle is brought to the boiling point and then the heat is lowered until it simmers. "The pot should smile, not laugh," says Ma Murphy. After an hour more salt may be added if it is needed and four potatoes cut in quarters. Cook for another hour. A little thickening may be added when meat is done. Browning the vegetable does make a difference.

Another neighbor gave me her recipe for

**Hungarian Goulash**

For this she uses one pound lean veal, one-half pound lean beef and one-quarter pound salt pork. The pork is cut into little pieces and fried brown. A large onion is fried in the fat, then is removed and discarded. The meat cut in cubes, well dredged with flour is seared in the fat and is placed in a casserole. After sprinkling with paprika, it is then covered with three cupfuls of boiling water and placed in the oven. After the meat has simmered an hour add six small white onions, three turnips cut in balls with vegetable cutter, four potatoes and three carrots. For flavoring add one quarter of a bay leaf, one clove, one teaspoon Worcester sauce, one teaspoon salt and a dash of white pepper. Simmer about one and one-half hours longer. Thicken gravy if necessary.

Our French neighbor calls her stew a

**Ragout**

and when her instructions are followed it is a savory dish. For this buy two pounds of shoulder veal cut in two-inch cubes. Dip in flour and brown in butter. Then sprinkle with two tablespoons of flour, one spoon salt and a dash of pepper. Cook gently until flour browns then add two cups of water and cover closely. Add four diced carrots, three sliced onions, a sprig of minced parsley. Simmer for an hour and a half. Add one can of peas (in summer 2 cups of fresh peas) drained well, and four diced potatoes. The

platter on which stew is served is garnished with toast points which are served with it.

Another neighbor who just returned from Mexico contributed a

recipe for

**Spanish Stew**

For this she uses the best cut of beef she can afford, top round is excellent. One and one-half pounds of beef is cut in large cubes placed on a board and pounded with a mallet until it is ragged. Keep sprinkling with flour during pounding process. Brown meat in fat or butter. Add two cups strained tomatoes, two sweet green peppers and an onion chopped fine. Cover and cook slowly for an hour. Add a pimento (canned) will do) cut in small pieces and simmer for ten minutes.

My English neighbor whose ancestors served in India swears by her

**East India Stew**

The kind of meat used in this stew is not important, veal, lamb or chicken will do. Fry two large onions in two tablespoons of butter, add a rounding tablespoon of curry powder, juice of half a lemon, two cups of tomato juice and two

**CONDITIONING OF ANJOUS AGREED UPON BY  
NEW YORK WINTER PEAR COMMITTEE TO  
START RIPENING OF FRUIT**

Reporting on a recent meeting of the New York Winter Pear Committee, Roy Webster says that the outcome of the meeting was that all receivers present agreed to support a general conditioning program on Anjou pears starting January first. This conditioning will be done along conservative lines so that the pears will at least be given

en a start toward ripening before being offered at the auction for sale.

This week's New York City auction offerings were set at 9½ cars Bosc, 27½ cars Anjou and 2½ cars of Comic pears.

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**Defective Fireplace Is Blamed For Fire**

The fire alarm Friday evening called the department to the residence of Ralph De Witt, on Coloma Street near Memory Chapel, where it was found that fire had burned from a fireplace into an adjoining wall between two rooms.

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5—CHILD'S NAME

6—VEGETABLE

7—T-SHAPED PIECES

8—CHILD

9—LAKE

10—DISENTANGLE AGAIN

11—DECISIONS

12—DRAWS

13—DAY (Spanish)

14—DAUB

15—DEMANDED AS RIGHT

16—FACE OF MEAT

17—GROUP

18—HARVEST

19—HOLLOW SPOTS

20—IMPROVISE

21—INTERFERE

22—KIDNEY

23—LAWYER

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